

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2000. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9, 11, and 13-21 were pending in this application. Claims 22-27 are added by this amendment. Claims 1, 9, 11, 14, and 22 are independent claims.

It appears from the Office Action that a preliminary amendment submitted concurrent with the filed patent application on October 29, 1998 was not considered in the Office Action. A copy of the preliminary amendment is submitted herewith for the Examiner's ready reference as well as a copy of the transmittal form and the return postcard submitted with the patent application and the preliminary amendment.

The specification is amended herein to correct a typographic error noted upon review thereof.

In the Office Action, Claims 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The cancellation of Claims 10 and 12 in the preliminary amendment renders this rejection moot.

Claims 1-6, and 8-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,892,507 to Moorby ("Moorby").

Moorby shows a presentation editing and presenting system including a TimeLine element that defines the duration of items

representing presentation material (see, Col. 11, lines 46-49). However, the timing of the TimeLine element is not defined independently of the call spot and end spot of the story line (see, Col. 3, lines 39-66). In fact, this method of preparing and representing a presentation is similar to the prior art system described on page 6, lines 5-21 and as shown in FIG. 2 of the present patent application.

In sharp contrast thereto, Moorby does not disclose or suggest (emphasis provided) "that the sub-presentation is provided with an interface providing a reference for the play-out specification of the presentation element, wherein the reference is defined independent of the coded presentation" as required by Claim 1. Neither does Moorby disclose or suggest (emphasis provided) "that the sub-presentation comprises an interface providing a reference, wherein the reference is defined independent of the coded presentation" as required by Claim 9 and as substantially required by Claims 11 and 14.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 9, 11, and 14 are patentable over Moorby and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-8, 13, and 15-21 depend from one of Claims 1, 6, 11, and 14 respectively, and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained therein.

Further, neither does Moorby disclose or suggest (emphasis

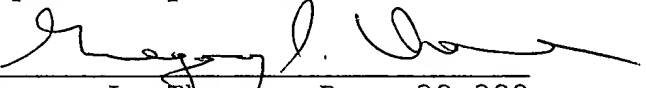
provided) "wherein one of the plurality of presentation elements has a start and a stop time that controls the start and stop time of at least one other of the plurality of presentation elements" as required by Claim 22.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 22 is patentable over Moorby and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 23-27 depend from Claim 22 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained therein.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

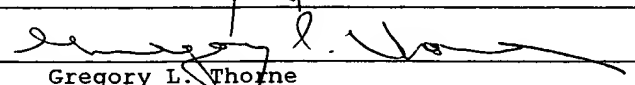
Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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